

7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026
10:00 AM



University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshipping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able. Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an ELW supplement.

Prelude This Is My Father's World arr. Marianne Kim (2015)

Welcome

+Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins, all that weighs us down.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Sustainer, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

+ **Gathering Hymn** God of the Fertile Fields ACS 1063

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1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

+ Greeting

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ Prayer of the Day

Loving God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the
earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - Romans 8:1-11

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in

¹⁰ Así como la lluvia y la nieve
descienden del cielo, y no vuelven allá sin regar antes la
tierra y hacerla fecundar y germinar
para que dé semilla al que siembra y pan al que come,

¹¹ así es también la palabra que sale de mi boca:
No volverá a mí vacía,
sino que hará lo que yo deseo
y cumplirá con mis propósitos.

¹² Ustedes saldrán con alegría
y serán guiados en paz.
A su paso, las montañas y las colinas
prorrumpirán en gritos de júbilo
y aplaudirán todos los árboles del bosque.

¹³ En vez de zarzas, crecerán cipreses;
mirtos, en lugar de ortigas.
Esto dará renombre al SEÑOR;
será una señal
que durará para siempre».

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios

Por lo tanto, ya no hay ninguna condenación para los que están en Cristo Jesús, pues por medio de él la ley del Espíritu de vida te ha liberado de la ley del pecado y de la muerte. En efecto, la Ley no pudo liberarnos porque la carne anuló su poder; por eso Dios envió a su propio Hijo en una condición semejante a la de los pecadores, para

the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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que se ofreciera en sacrificio por el pecado. Así condenó Dios al pecado en la carne, a fin de que la justa demanda de la Ley se cumpliera en nosotros, que no vivimos según la carne, sino según el Espíritu. Los que viven conforme a la carne fijan la mente en los deseos de la carne; en cambio, los que viven conforme al Espíritu fijan la mente en los deseos del Espíritu. La mente gobernada por la carne es muerte, mientras que la mente que proviene del Espíritu es vida y paz. La mente gobernada por la carne es enemiga de Dios, pues no se somete a la Ley de Dios ni es capaz de hacerlo. Los que viven según la carne no pueden agradar a Dios. Sin embargo, ustedes no viven según la carne, sino según el Espíritu, si es que el Espíritu de Dios vive en ustedes. Y si alguno no tiene el Espíritu de Cristo, no es de Cristo. Pero si Cristo está en ustedes, el cuerpo está muerto a causa del pecado, pero el Espíritu que está en ustedes es vida a causa de la justicia. Y si el Espíritu de aquel que levantó a Jesús de entre los muertos vive en ustedes, el mismo que levantó a Cristo de entre los muertos también dará vida a sus cuerpos mortales por medio de su Espíritu, que vive en ustedes.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.
Demos gracias a Dios.

+ Gospel Acclamation *All sing in Spanish, then English* ACS Setting 11 (from Honduras)

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

+ **Hymn of the Day**

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

Ese mismo día salió Jesús de la casa y se sentó a la orilla del lago. La multitud que se reunió para verlo era tan grande que él tuvo que subir a una barca donde se sentó mientras toda la gente estaba de pie en la orilla. Y dijo en parábolas muchas cosas como estas: «Un sembrador salió a sembrar. Mientras iba esparciendo las semillas, una parte cayó junto al camino, llegaron los pájaros y se las comieron. Otra parte cayó en terreno pedregoso, sin mucha tierra. Esas semillas brotaron pronto porque la tierra no era profunda; pero cuando salió el sol, las plantas se marchitaron y por no tener raíz se secaron. Otra parte de las semillas cayó entre espinos que, al crecer, ahogaron las plantas. Pero las otras semillas cayeron en buen terreno, en el que se dio una cosecha que rindió hasta cien, sesenta y treinta veces más de lo que se había sembrado. El que tenga oídos, que oiga». »Escuchen ahora lo que significa la parábola del sembrador: Cuando alguien oye la palabra acerca del reino y no la entiende, viene el maligno y arrebató lo que se sembró en su corazón. Esta es la semilla sembrada junto al camino. El que recibió la semilla que cayó en el suelo lleno de piedras es el que oye la palabra y de inmediato la recibe con alegría. Pero como no tiene raíz, dura poco tiempo. Cuando surgen problemas o persecución a causa de la palabra, enseguida se aparta de ella. El que recibió la semilla que cayó entre espinos es el que oye la palabra, pero las preocupaciones de esta vida y el engaño de las riquezas la ahogan. Por eso, la semilla no llega a dar fruto. Pero el que recibió la semilla que cayó en buen terreno es el que oye la palabra y la entiende. Este sí produce una cosecha hasta cien, sesenta y treinta veces más».

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition: God of Grace, hear our prayer.

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

And also with you.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."

MEAL

Offertory

The Swan

C. Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Uli Koester, cello

Thank you for your continued generosity! Donations may be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. A QR code is available on the last page of the bulletin.

+ Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus

ACS Setting 11



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



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Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others... *When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

If you are at home on your own... *Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

If you are worshipping in-person today... *We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), receive either the red wine or white grape juice in your cup, place your used cup in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake at Holy Communion.*

If you seek healing prayers today... *A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.*

If you are so inclined during this time... *You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from the wall, blessed during worship, and burned in our courtyard fireplace as a sign of releasing our burdens and entrusting our concerns to God's care.*

Music During Communion

When at Last the Rain Falls

ACS 1066

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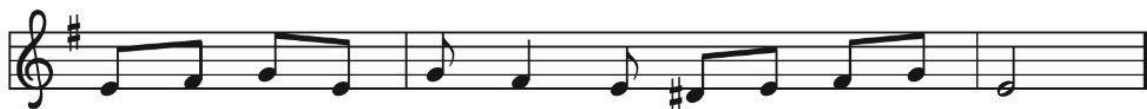
1 Al ca - er la llu - via re - sur - ge con ver - dor
 2 El co - quí se_a - le - gra, se sien - te muy fe - liz;
 1 When at last the rain falls, our world turns liv - ing green.
 2 All the pret - ty song-birds re - joice and sing your praise,



to - da la flo - res - ta. ¡Re - nue - va la crea - ción!
 can - ta_en su_a - la - ban - za: "co - quí, co - quí, co - quí."
 Lit - tle flow - ers blos - som, the air is warm and clean.
 war - ble hymns ex - qui - site, through sun - ny spring - time days.



Mi - ra_el ro - jo li - rio; el duen - de ya bro - tó.
 El pi - ti - rre can - ta y tri - na_el rui - se - ñor.
 See the gor - geous lil - y its ra - diant blooms dis - play;
 Night - in - gales and tree - frogs sing praise when it grows dark,



¡Be - lla pri - ma - ve - ra que_a - nun - cia su ful - gor!
 ¡Cuán a - le - gre - men - te a - la - ban al Crea - dor!
 may I just as bold - ly praise God in my own way.
 on - ly cease at day - break, and then we hear the lark.

Refrain / Estribillo



To - da flor sil - ves - tre, la ma - ya, el cun - dea - mor:
 All the lit - tle flow - ers and ten - der curl - ing ferns



¡có - mo ma - ni - fies - tan la glo - ria del Se - ñor!
 show their mak - er's glo - ry, each praise to God re - turns.



¡Có - mo se te_a - la - ba en to - da la cre - a - ción!
 Sing, all of cre - a - tion, your mak - er prais - es ac - cord!



Yo qui - sie - ra_ha - cer - lo en for - ma_i - gual, Se - ñor.
 I al - so will of - fer my songs to you, O Lord.

As Rain from the Clouds
Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 508
ELW 512

+ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+ Prayer after Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

+Announcements

SENDING

+Sending Hymn

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

ELW 547

+Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Juli-O
Uli Koester, cello

by Mark Summer

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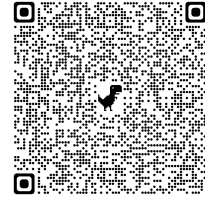
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